Rama Varma Central Ayurvedic Hospital—Management of.

265. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the number and names of compounders in the Rama Varma Central Ayurvedic Hospital, Trichur;

(b) is it a fact that patients are not given medicine in time according to the prescriptions given by the physicians ;

(c) is it a fact that some patients have to wait 3 or 4 days to get the prescribed medicines;

(d) have the physician received any such complaints;

(e) is it a fact that the said compounders behave rudely towards the poor patients ;

(f) who is the officer who checks the stock of medicines;

(g) how many times are the stock checked every month;

(h) is there a stock register;

(i) is there a gateman;

(j) what are his duties?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) Two.

1. I. Krishna Menon, Senior compounder.
2. K. Ramakrishna Panicker, Junior compounder.

(b) No.
(c) No.
(d) Yes.
(e) No.
(f) The chief physician.
(g) It is checked as often as possible.
(h) Yes.
(i) No.
(j) The question does not arise in view of the answer to (i) above.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How many out-patients generally receive medicines from the Hospital?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—On an average it comes between 250 and 350.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How many compounders are there? What amount of time is taken for dispensing medicines to the patients?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—There are two and patients will have to wait sometimes for five hours.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When does dispensing begin?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—It systematically begins at 8 a. m.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Were there complaints that patients had to wait for hours together?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Some inconvenience is felt due to the delay in dispensing.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is medicine distributed the same day?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When I made a visit to the hospital people were actually cursing the compounders. They say they had to wait for two or three days to get the medicines. That is why I sent this question. Will the Government be pleased to make enquiries regarding this?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I have made enquiries. It is perfectly true that there is some inconvenience caused. The number of compounders is only two. One more compounder would be of very great help.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Whether the Chief Physician who is said to be in charge of the stock of medicines in the Vaidyasala is also the owner of a Vaidysala in the Trichur Round?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—He had one. But the Government have prohibited him from owning his Vaidyasala.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Has the prohibition been given effect to?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—So far as I know, Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Has he anything to do with the Vaidyasala that occupies that corner place in the Trichur Round leading to the Municipal Office?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—That Vaidyasala is understood to be not his now.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What is the basis of that understanding?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Because he has transferred it to some other person and the whole business is run in some other person's name.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is not that person his nephew?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon. — I do not think he is his nephew.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—How many complaints were received?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Has the Diwan Peishkar enquired whether the accounts are written by this physician?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Has it not come to the notice of the Hon'ble Diwan Peishkar that the work of the Chief Physician is not satisfactory?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I cannot say so far as dispensing, his treatment and his dealing with the patients.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Since patients had to wait, may I know how many complaints were received?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. K. M. brahim.—The original question itself wanted some definite information.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—There was no definite period mentioned.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—The Hon'ble Member wants us to give a definite idea of the period in month, weeks or years?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I did not address myself to that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Does the Government understand the import contained in sub-division (1)?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I have not been able to get at the meaning of the question.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is the Government able to smell anything in that question. There is a suggestion there that medicine is at times going out of this institution not through patients but through others.

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Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—We do not generally look into a question whether there is any insinuation in it.

Rural construction in honour of His Excellency the Viceroy's visit to the State.

266. **Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.**—Will the Government be pleased to state what has been done with the amount set apart for Rural reconstruction in honour of His Excellency the Viceroy's visit to the State?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—Out of the amount of Rs. one lakh set apart for the purpose, Rs. 70,000 is being utilised for opening maternity and child welfare centres and for the purchase of a cinema for propaganda purposes. Final orders regarding the utilisation of the balance of Rs. 30,000 have not been issued.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Was this the Government's former proposal?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—Yes.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Have they included the item, improving the Kozhikulam?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—We have not included.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—Does not rural reconstruction include the spreading of Village libraries?

Mr. President.—It includes many other things besides this.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—Can any part of this amount be spent upon libraries?

Mr. President.—I think it was specifically made for medical relief.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen.—What part has already been utilised out of this amount?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—A sum of Rs. 50,000 has been spent so far.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Were there not proposals made regarding the expenditure of 30 thousand rupees?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—Final orders have not been passed. The Head of the Department asked for Rs. 10,000. I do not

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